

Samuel Freeman Jr. – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Samuel Freeman Jr. was born in Eastham in 1662. He was the eldest son and one of nine children of Samuel Freeman and his wife Mercy Southworth. Samuel Jr. married Elizabeth Sparrow in 1684. She was the daughter of Jonathan Sparrow and Rebecca Bangs. Samuel Jr. and Elizabeth had two children including another Samuel (1688-1751) before Elizabeth died about 1690. Samuel Jr. next married Bathsheba (Lothrop) Smith in 1693. She was the daughter of Barnabas Lothrop and Susan Clarke. Samuel Jr. and Bathsheba had twelve children.

Samuel was active in the militia and often was referred to as Capt. Samuel in the records. Both his father Samuel and his son Samuel often were referred to as Deacon Samuel in the records. Capt. Samuel served as juror, grand juryman and rate maker. Capt. Samuel died in 1743 and he has an original gravestone in Cove Burying Ground. His first wife Elizabeth probably is buried in an unmarked grave in Cove. His second wife Bathsheba might be in an unmarked grave in Cove or in an unmarked grave with the Lothrop family in Barnstable.

Some of the following grants were to the heirs of Samuel Freeman Sr., deceased, after his death in 1712 but were not included in his case study.

1685

Granted to Samuel Freeman Jr. one-half acre of upland between the highway and the swamp and next to his dwelling house. PDF A143, S81.

Granted to Samuel Freeman Jr. a small parcel of upland between where the old meeting house was and the burying place (Cove Burying Ground) below the highway that goes through the town. This was close to property of Samuel Smith, Henry Adkins and William Walker. (This also would have been close to where his father lived.) PDF P50.

1697

Granted to Samuel Freeman Jr. six acres of upland and swamp between his dwelling house and land of William Walker in exchange with Walker for six acres of Freeman's land on the west side of the way that went from the meeting house towards the Great Neck and next to land of William Walker and John Mayo. Bounds were indicated with stones marked "SF" and "SFW". PDF M279.

1711

Granted to Capt. Samuel Freeman about four acres of upland on the westerly side of the Muddy Pond. Bounds were indicated by stones in the ground. PDF T20.

Granted to Capt. Samuel Freeman about four acres at the southerly end of Spectacle Pond next to land of Joseph Collins and James Snow. PDF T20.

Granted to Capt. Samuel Freeman a six acre wood lot on the westerly side of the road that goes to Blackfish Creek and next to the lots of Joseph Atwood and Jabez Snow. PDF T20.

Granted to Samuel Freeman Jr. about four acres near his other land at Muddy Pond. PDF T65.

Granted to Samuel Freeman Jr. about six acres for a wood lot north of his existing wood lot near the lot of Jabez Snow and next to the cartway. PDF T65.

Granted to Samuel Freeman Jr. one-third of acre to set his barn on near his dwelling house on the westerly side of the cartway and next to the easterly end of land he had purchased from Thomas Mayo, fisherman. PDF T65.

Granted to Samuel Freeman Jr., John Knowles, Daniel Cole, Richard Higgins and Ichabod Higgins the tenth lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The dimensions given in the record were not complete but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. Bounds were indicated by stakes in the ground. PDF T88.

1715

Granted to Capt. Samuel Freeman twenty acres between the land formerly laid out to his father Deacon Samuel Freeman and now in possession of Capt. Freeman and the way that goes to the northerly part of town and near land of Joseph Atwood and Jabez Walker. PDF T223.

Granted to Samuel Freeman Jr. three parcels of land. The first parcel was about five acres near his house and near the house of Samuel Paine, deceased. The second parcel was several small strips of land amounting to about five acres near his barn and near the way that went to Great Neck at the southerly part of town. The third parcel was about five acres adjoining his other land at Muddy Pond. PDF T230.

Granted to Samuel Freeman and his heirs the nineteenth wood lot north of the wood lot of Joseph Smith. The lot was sixteen pole (264 feet) wide and ran about one mile to the backside sea which would be about thirty-two acres. The length of this lot is based on information about neighboring lots. These long wood lots were usually on the east side of the way to Billingsgate and ran east to the Atlantic Ocean. PDF T268.

Granted to Capt. Samuel Freeman and his heirs the twentieth wood lot on the northerly side and adjoining the nineteenth wood lot. The lot was the same dimensions as the nineteenth lot or about thirty-two acres. PDF T268.

The land granted to Samuel Freeman Jr. and granted to the heirs of his father described in these records amounts to about 130 acres. By 1745 not counting the two Samuels thirteen more Freemans received Eastham land grants.